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Docket No.: 055190-0012

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
Josee HAMEL, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 7195
Application No.: 09/471,255	:	Group Art Unit: 1645
Filed: December 23, 1999	:	Examiner: V. Portner
For: NOVEL STREPTOCOCCUS ANTIGENS	:	

RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT AND INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's Amendment and Interview Summary mailed April 18, 2006. The amendments to the claims are acceptable to Applicant.

Turning to the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance, Applicant construes the Examiner's remark concerning the "criticality of the conserved amino acid sequences in the variable region of the C-terminal of SEQ ID NO:2" to mean that the location of the immunogenic epitopes of the claimed polypeptides are not located in the N-terminal end, but rather in the variable regions of the C-terminal portion of SEQ ID NO:2.

During the interview with Examiner Portner on March 9, 2006, Applicant's counsel and Examiner Portner discussed the scope of the proposed amended claims. Applicant's counsel authorized the Examiner's Amendments to the claims.

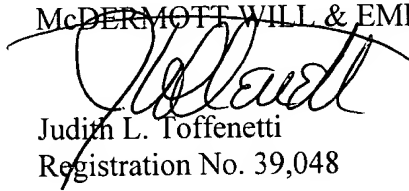
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Applicant and Applicant's counsel would like to thank Examiner Portner for graciously granting the interview and drafting the proposed amendments to the claims. The Notice of Allowance is gratefully acknowledged.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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